

SENATOR LAMB: Certainly.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Lamb, I have been trying to talk to the Chairman of the Education Committee and the legal counsel of the Education Committee, and I can't quite get the answers that I am looking for, so they suggested I ask you, and that is what I am doing. So I am wondering, number one, how the numbers 25 students and 1 percent came about, the magic of that particular number. And let me go through the series of questions. You can answer them all at that point. The second question that I am more concerned about, is there any idea whatsoever about the amount of money that we are talking about that is going to be paid out quicker? And the third question I am most interested in is, if we don't know the amount of money or if it is a large...could be a large amount of money, where is it coming from? I assume it is going to be coming from school districts that would normally be receiving money, and how would they then end up getting the money that they were owed under the original formula? Those are the questions, that please take whatever time you need to respond to those.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I have already forgotten the first question. Would you repeat that first question and we will take them one at a time?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Let's go on to how much money are we talking about?

SENATOR LAMB: On the hold harmless, it is about \$3.5 million.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, let's talk about the 25 students and the 1 percent, how much would we be talking about?

SENATOR LAMB: We have not been able to get...we tried to get those numbers from the Department of Education and we could not get them. Your other question had to do, why did we arrive at 1 percent and 25. Well, that was also really the decision of the department. Well, Tim Kemper said that is appropriate, and whether it is or not, I don't know. He said it was. It sounds reasonable to me. I suppose it is one of those things that you could pick a different number and make an argument for it, but that was the one that the department thought was a reasonable number, and it seemed to be acceptable.